

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Complaints have been received. The question of opening a leper colony in a convenient place in the Koduman pakuthi, Kunnattur taluk, is being considered.

Facilities for Loading and Unloading Goods at Quilon.

133. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

(a) Are the Government aware:

(i) that the roads near the Valiapalakadavu at Quilon are on a very much higher level than that of the canal; and

(ii) that merchants are put to considerable difficulty and great loss consequent on the delay caused in the matter of loading and unloading their goods in and from *vallams*?

(b) If the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them in the matter?

(c) If the answer to part (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) The roads are on a higher level than the canal.

(ii) The Government note the information.

(b) To facilitate loading and unloading goods at the Big Bridge there are two landing ghauts with sheds, steps and protective works on both the banks on the northern side of the bridge. The opening of new ghauts, if necessary, will have to be undertaken by the Municipality.

(c) This does not arise.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (ii) of the question may I know from the member whether the Government are not aware that merchants are put to considerable difficulty and great loss consequent on the delay caused in the matter of loading and unloading their goods in and from *vallams*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is that Government note the information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether this is the first instance that the Government get the information?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information on record that the people are experiencing any considerable inconvenience. So when the member gave the information it has been noted.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Does the member know that this was a subject of representation in the Assembly year before the last?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): If that is so, is it not an information?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):
It is.

*Delay in the return of Account Books produced in
Civil Courts.*

134. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the merchants of Shencotta are put to considerable hardship since the account books produced in civil courts are not returned promptly and that proper care is not bestowed for the safe custody of these books that are detained in the courts?

(2) If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) There was a representation on the subject at the 22nd Session of the Assembly. The High Court, to whom the representation was referred, have stated that the complaint is groundless. In this connection, the member is also referred to Rule 60 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

*Commencement of Work in the Kodayar Irrigation Project
Division.*

135. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of surrender from the Kodayar Project Division out of the allotted expenditure for it for the year 1102;

(b) whether any explanation was called for from the Division Officer concerned for such surrender;

(c) when the present Division Officer took charge of the Kodayar Project Division;

(d) the usual period of the year, when public works are generally started by the department in the Kodayar Project Division; and

(e) what amount, if any, has been spent during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam of the current year (1103) in the said Division?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Rs. 98,115.

(b) The Division Officer had explained the causes of the surrender in his report to the Chief Engineer and there is therefore no necessity to call for further explanation from him.

(c) On the forenoon of the 16th Kumbham 1102.

(d) In the Kodayar Project Division, public works in channels and tanks are usually done at the closure season, i. e. between the 1st week of Kumbham and the 1st week of Edavam, when the channels